GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1256
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JUDICIAL PROBE INTO GAISAL TRAIN ACCIDENT
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the judicial probe into the Gaisal railway tragedy, occurred on 2nd August, 1999 has since begun;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the report of the said judicial commission is likely to be received;

(d) if not, the reasons for delay in starting the probe ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Judicial Commission headed by Justice G.N. Ray was constituted by the Government of India by a notification dated 20.01.1999. The Commission visited accident site and nearby railway stations twice during November, 1999. After examining details collected by the Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety, examination of witnesses has commenced from 16.02.2000.

(c) There is no mention of target date in the notification issued for constituting the Commission. However, Commission has been advised to submit its report within the shortest possible time keeping in view the nature of the tragedy.

(d) There was no delay in commencing the enquiry.